

DRAFT Schedule – Nov. 12 Business Forum

Title: Alaska Business Roundtable, “Maximizing Human Capital: Employing Qualified Individuals with Disabilities”

Date/Time: Nov. 12, 2009. 8 am – 3 pm

Location: Denaina Convention Center

Sponsors: Alaska Workforce Investment Board, Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education, Governor’s Committee on Employment and Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

MC: Don Brandon, Director, DBTAC Northwest

Target Audience: 100 or more small, medium, and large business representatives.

7:30 – 8:30 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:00 – 8:30 **Assistive Technology for the Workplace Demonstrations** (next to registration table)

Mystie Rail and Rich Sanders

8:30 – 8:45 **Opening Remarks - Goal of Today’s Forum**

Greg Cashen, Millie Ryan, Don Brandon.

8:45– 9:30 **Customer Service and Persons with Disabilities** – Learn appropriate communication tips for customers and/or employees with disabilities.

Heidi Frost and Rich Sanders

9:30 –10:00 **Early Return to Work Strategies for Ill or Injured Employees**—Learn ways to get your valued employees back to work if ill or injured, on or off the job.

Duane Mayes

10:15 -10:30 **Break** (more AT Demo stuff by coffee service area)

10:45 -11:30 **The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act and the Job Accommodations Network** –Learn what changes were made to the ADA in 2008 and what it means for businesses and employers, and job accommodations that are easy and work.

Jan Hirsh, Job Accommodation Network

11:30-12:00 **Healthcare, Insurance and Other Supports**—Learn how employees with disabilities can maintain healthcare benefits through state and federal programs and what other job supports are out there for the business owner and the employee.

Micky Franks and Terry Hamm

12:00 – 1:25 Luncheon Presentation and Awards

-15-20 mins of dead time for people to get settled and start eating. Show variety of videos and psa's from various disability employment campaigns from around the country.

-Governor or First Lady to present 4 awards to Alaskan Employers who have hired persons with disabilities. Allow each employer to talk about what has been successful. (20 mins)

Keynote Speaker: Erin Riehle, Project SEARCH, Cincinnati Children's Hospital (30 mins)

1:30 -2:00 Panel: Resource to help find and/or train qualified persons with disabilities

Gloria Lewelynn, Dr. Harrison Childers, Mariah Krueger and Gerry Andrews

2:00 – 2:50 Business to Business Roundtable – Discussion Moderated by Don Brandon and Patrick Reinhart

What it is happening around the country with Business Leadership Networks, i.e. job fairs, seminars, etc.

What state government is doing to assist the business community?

What can we do together and keeping the momentum going

2:50 Closing Remarks (Don Brandon and Patrick Reinhart)

Materials for all participants

- AlaskAbility : A Toolkit for Hiring and Employing Qualified Alaskans with Disabilities, modeled off the Oregon Business Leadership's Network Flexibility toolkit. Available in binder form and flash drives.
- Diversifying your Workforce Flip brochure from ODEP (on tables as center pieces)
- Blue Path Information